aimed at mitigating the hardship of Safai Karamcharis (c) measures for social and economic upliftment of Safai Karamcharis, and (d) the provisions of any law in its application to Safai Karamcharis and take up such matters with the concerned authorities. The Act also empowers the National Commission to call for any information with respect to any matters specified above from the concerned authorities.

(b) Under the provisions of National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993, the Commission is required to submit its Annual Report to the Central Govt. They have submitted two reports so far and they contain the observations/recommendations of the Commission. These reports are made after detailed analysis of the problems confronting the Safai Karamcharis. The Govt. is also able to assess the performance of the Commission from the Reports it submits.

(c) and (d) The present Commission was constituted on 8th April 1997 for a period of three years and its present tenure will end on 7th April 2000. The Government is yet to take a decision regarding extension of the term of the Commission.

Grant of aid to Private Institutions in Chamoli

1927. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases have been forwarded by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the grant of central aid to the private institutions imparting training to the poor villagers in Chamoli, Uttar Pradesh during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that while forwarding these cases by the State Government all requisite formalities had already been completed by the applicants and the State Government officials but the cases have been delayed furter due to certain objections raised by the Central Government; and

(d) whether Government would take necessary measures to finalise these cases immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) No Sir. This Ministry has however received only one case of Naveen Institute of Computer Education, Chamoli, forwarded by the Government of Uttar Pradesh on 6th April, 1999 for the grant. The case was considered and could not be acceded to. The organisation was informed on 17th November, 1999 accordingly.

Implementation of Recommendations of NSKC

1928. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years for which the National Safai Karamchari commission has been in existence, so far;

(b) the important recommendations made by the Commission of Government during the last three years and the action taken by Government thereon, year-wise; and

(c) whether the Commission has been able to achieve its objective, if so, the extent thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis was constituted on 12th August, 1994 under the provision of National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993 to promote and safeguard the interests of Safai Karamcharis. The present Commission was constituted on 8th April 1997 for a period of three years. So far the Commission has been in existence for over five years. The validity of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (Amendment Act) is upto March 2002.

(b) and (c) The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis has submitted its first and second report for the year 1994-95 and 1995-96, respectively which contain the observations/recommendations. The Reports along with the Action Taken Memoranda shall be laid on the table of both the Houses of Parliament shortly.